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Transfer of Authority for Operation Pacific Survivor

Maj. Gen. Paul Mock presents the “official” Pacific Survivor guide-on to Col. Sam Friar from the 5035th, as he takes over command for Col. Joel Mjolsness of the 6045th. A relief in place is a tactical enabling operation in which, by the direction of higher authority, all or part of a unit is replaced in an area by the incoming unit. The directing authority transfers the responsibilities for the mission and the assigned area of operations (AO) from the replaced elements to the incoming unit.

On the ground at Operation Pacific Survivor, the 6045th is packing up and ready to head home as the 5035th is settling in and picking up the reins for all the training programs without a hitch.

Photo by P.Ryan, PAO



Visiting hours at the Mission of San Antonio de Padua the have been extended to 2000 hrs this Tuesday. Soldiers are invited to visit this unique and historic site located on Fort Hunter Liggett, just down the road from the Hacienda. A continuous rotating shuttle service will be provided at parking lot # 207 by the Chaplain Team. This historic structure provides an actual glimpse into the past, and the unique role the California Missions had in early California history. Of all Spanish California missions, San Antonio de Padua is the most faithfully restored. This is what a mission looked like. Artifacts of the missionaries and their communities are on display. Frescoes of their daily life, and the painstaking restoration of the mission’s workings make it a valuable and educational museum.



A year ago today 63rd RRC soldier Sgt. Joseph C. Nurre died in Iraq during combat operations.

The 22-year-old from Wilton, Calif., died in a convoy when his M916 tractor was struck by an improvised explosive device near Samarra, Iraq. He originally was a member of the 63rd RRC’s 801st Engineer Company and had been cross-leveled to another Reserve unit, the 463rd Engineer Battalion, Weirton, W. Va., with which he deployed to Iraq.

To date the 63rd has lost eight soldiers to Operation Iraqi Freedom. Overall, reports indicate that reservists from all branches of

the service have accounted for about one-quarter of the U.S. toll.

Sgt. Nurre was remembered by family, fellow Soldiers and friends as a compassionate, affable man with a contagious smile. He attended California State University, Sacramento, and loved football. He is survived by his parents Charlie and Leigh Nurre of Wilton, Calif.



Livin' by the rules in an unruly world

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Can killers be nice guys?

Capt. Toby Davis told a group of soldiers Sunday they certainly can.

In fact, being humane to the enemy not only adheres to international law and makes American soldiers look good, it can increase the chances for the enemy to surrender. After all, isn't it easier to surrender to someone who's nice than to someone who is sure to kill you?

After showing a grainy video of a Coalition Forces aerial assault in Iraq, Davis asked: "Did they level the mosque?"

"No," the class of soldiers said in unison.

"Did they shoot the guy after he was wounded," Davis asked?

"No," the class shouted again.

"Of course not. They weren't suppose to," said Davis, a Law of War instructor from the 5035th Garrison Support Unit in El Paso, Texas.

The Law of War training is one segment of training soldiers participating in Operation Pacific Survivor 2006 receive at Fort Hunter Liggett. While the content of this instruction has always been a part of a soldier's training, it is now being reinforced.

"Recently, certain events have come to light that indicate a lack of core values by individuals assigned to" the Multi-national Corps in Iraq, Lt. Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli stated in a recent memorandum. Chiarelli is commander of the Multinational Corps in Iraq.

Considering the consequences of military personnel's actions that break the law of warfare, Davis said, "All we are doing is hardening the hearts and minds of the insurgents and making more insurgents."

Davis, an attorney, was conferred with the task of reinforcing these laws on soldiers at Pacific Warrior.

"I use a combination of instruction and breaking the class up in teams to consider (a variety of) situations soldiers might face," Davis said.

Nice Guys Rules

In a nutshell, here are 10 Law of War (LOW) Standards:

1. *Fight only combatants*
2. *Treat humanely all who surrender or are captured.*
3. *Do not kill or torture detained personnel.*
4. *Collect and care for the wounded.*
5. *Do not attack protected persons and protected places.*
6. *Destroy no more than the mission requires.*
7. *Treat all civilians humanely.*
8. *Respect private property and possessions.*
9. *Prevent LOW violations.*
10. *Report LOW violations.*

Each class is presented with nearly 30 situations which require quick soldier judgment. In one instance soldiers are presented with the question of what to do if they find an improvised explosive device (IED) which has a detonating cord leading from the explosive to a small medical clinic.

"Do you light it (clinic) up," Davis asked?

A team of soldiers in the class confer and one says, "You notify higher (headquarters), then pull security."

Davis nodded his head - another group trained in warrior ethos.



Capt. Toby Davis presents Soldiers with a Law of War scenario.



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